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EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE FORMAL REQUEST IN WASHINGTON THAT APOLLO ISOLATION UNIT BE ACTIVATED FOR EVACUATION OF DR. MANDRELLA TO HAMBURG. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED FROM BEGINNING THAT DR. MANDRELLA BE RETURNED TO GERMANY FOR TREATMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS CONCERN HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE BY GERMAN PRESS AND PUBLIC INTEREST HAS BEEN GROWING DAILY.

EMBASSY HAS NOTED DR. ROBINSON'S EVALUATION (STATE 053800) AS WELL AS THAT OF DRS. DOWNS, CASALS AND BRINKMANN (IBADAN 0123). TO THESE WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD OUR OWN: GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGONIZED FOR FOUR DAYS OVER TWO POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO IT. THEY HAVE RELUCTANTLY COME TO CONCLUSION THAT ONLY SAFE MEANS OF RETURNING DR. MANDRELLA IS BY APOLLO UNIT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE WILLING TO COVER ALL EXPENSES INVOLVED. EMBASSY FEELS

THAT HUMANITARIAN REASONS ALONE WARRANT OUR FAVORABLE RESPONSE.
IF FURTHER JUSTIFICATION NECESSARY WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE
WIDESPREAD, ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM OUR
REFUSAL OF A LIFE-SAVING SERVICE WHICH ONLY WE CAN PROVIDE.
HILLENBRAND

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